

Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel

Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

MINUTES

Members Present: Hon. Melissa Moore Murphy, Chair; Hon. Dawn Blair, Assistant Hardin County Attorney, Co-Chair; Mary Carpenter as proxy for Commissioner Marta Miranda-Straub, Department for Community Based Services, CHFS; Dr. Jaime Pittenger Kirtley, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky; Dr. Christina Howard, Child Abuse Pediatrician, University of Kentucky; Dr. William Ralston, Chief Medical Examiner; Janice Bright, RN, State Child Fatality Review Team; Lori Aldridge, Executive Director, Tri County CASA; Isela Arras as proxy for Angela Yannelli, CEO, Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Detective Jason Merlo, Kentucky State Police; Dr. Elizabeth Salt, Citizens Foster Care Review Board; Dr. Henrietta Bada, Department for Public Health; Dr. Melissa Currie, Chief, Norton Children's Pediatric Protection Specialist, University of Louisville; and Dr. David Lohr, Medical Director, Department for Community Based Services

Welcome:

Hon. Dawn Blair, Co-Chair

Dawn Blair welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining the meeting. Dawn asked if anyone had any changes to the Agenda, Minutes, or Case Review Summaries, if not she'll entertain a motion. Dr. Pittenger made a motion to accept the Minutes and Case Review Summaries from the April 20th meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Howard and the Minutes and Case Review Summaries will stand as submitted.

Panel members were advised that the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet has updated the Nondisclosure Agreement which will be sent to members via email.

Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky (PCAKY) has started a monthly 2 in 20 segments, which takes a topic and showcases the knowledge and services of two partners throughout the state. Each partner has 10 minutes to present, followed by a 10-minute Q&A. PCAKY has extended an invitation to the panel for an upcoming presentation on Home Safety. The virtual segment will be held on July 13th from 11:30 a.m. – noon. Dawn Blair and Dr. Pittenger volunteered to conduct the presentation on behalf of the panel.

Judge Murphy and panel staff recently met with Secretary Justice Noble to discuss the panel's recommendations regarding law enforcement protocol and coroner's concerns. Secretary Noble and Kentucky State Police Commissioner supported the Panel's recommendations and agreed to review any suggested protocol for implementation. In order to accomplish this goal, it was suggested the panel form a subcommittee to develop best practice standards for law enforcement officers and develop proposed legislation to address coroner issues. The following members will serve on that subcommittee: Judge Murphy, Dawn Blair, Judge Messer, Dr. Howard, Dr. Currie, Det. Merlo, Dr. Ralston, Mary Carpenter and Jan Bright.

Judge Murphy made the request to the Cabinet to contract a part-time epidemiologist to assist in analyzing the data, specifically around pre and post COVID cases. Unfortunately, the Cabinet does not have the funding available at this time but would support the panel in partnering with other agencies to meet their needs. Dr.

Salt shared with the group that they could potentially use grant funding, but it would have to be project specific. Dr. Bada expressed, if the epidemiologist position would be part-time perhaps the Maternal Child Health could share one of their epis. They currently have six epidemiologists in their division, and they handle the stats for child fatality, SUID, maternal mortality reviews, and other types of surveillance. Panel staff and DPH will get started on this project.

Case Review:

The following cases were reviewed by the Panel. A case summary of findings and recommendations are attached and made a part of these minutes.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Case #</u>	<u>Analyst</u>
1	F-004-20-C	Joel Griffith
2	F-005-20-NC	Joel Griffith
3	F-010-20-NC	Joel Griffith
4	F-027-20-C	Joel Griffith
1	F-048-20-C	Joel Griffith
2	NF-001-20-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-004-20-C	Joel Griffith
4	NF-023-20-C	Joel Griffith
1	NF-043-20-C	Joel Griffith
2	NF-055-20-C	Joel Griffith
3	F-029-20-C	Joel Griffith
4	F-042-20-C	Joel Griffith
2	NF-026-20-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-038-20-C	Joel Griffith
4	NF-039-20-NC	Joel Griffith

Meeting adjourned